Lisa Mangiafico to be Inducted as Fellow of the Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—Lisa Mangiafico, senior director of information services for Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., will be inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA). The distinction of Fellow is the highest honor bestowed on individuals by SAA and is awarded for outstanding contributions to the archives profession.

During her 31-year career, Lisa’s experience has ranged from processing archival collections, to establishing an institutional archives and records management program, creating a digital reformatting program, and managing an archives unit. Her professional career has included positions at two outstanding repositories where she continues to demonstrate her lifelong commitment to mentorship and assisting small community archives. She has engaged in numerous archival consultations as a member of the New Jersey Caucus Archival Preservation Evaluation Service (CAPES) since 1998, and on the New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board from 2004-2018. A member of the Society of American Archivists since 1993, Lisa has served in multiple roles in the Society of American Archivists and Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC). During her term as chair (2003-2005) at MARAC, she oversaw the review and revision of the conference’s strategic plan, the mission statement and purpose, and promoted advocacy and education. Serving on SAA’s Council, she worked alongside others to develop the Code of Conduct for SAA Annual Meetings, SAA-sponsored events, and Online SAA Spaces. Her time spent on the SAA Executive Committee and Foundation Board of Directors helped to develop the Foundation’s inaugural grants program. Additionally, she has presented or moderated more than 25 sessions at regional and national conferences, such as MARAC, SAA, and Soroptimist. The breadth of knowledge and depth of experience have always been key assets in her professional career.

Lisa has co-authored two monographs, Guide to the Archives of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (1992) and Cherry Hill: A Brief History (2010), and has been a contributor to the Dictionary of Virginia Biography and the Encyclopedia of New York State. In 2013, she was recognized for her contribution to the archival profession by MARAC with the Distinguished Service Award.

Her nominator stated, “Lisa represents the best of what an archivist should be. Her activities taken in service to institutions as well as to professional organizations demonstrate Lisa’s resourcefulness, initiative and commitment to the archival profession.”

Mangiafico is one of four new Fellows named in 2020. There are currently 204 Fellows of the Society of American Archivists.

Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America’s oldest and largest national archival professional association. SAA’s mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 6,200 individual and institutional archivists.
members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, visit www.archivists.org.